

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

1. An apparatus for elevating a chair, the apparatus comprising:
 - (a) a raised portion, operably engaging a floor on its lower surface;
 - (b) a flat surface on a top of the raised portion on which to operably set a chair's legs;
 - (c) enclosures on three sides of said flat surface to secure said chair's legs from sliding off the flat surface; and
 - (d) removable pegs operably inserted into the raised portion.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said enclosures on three sides of the flat surface are comprised of solid walls on three sides of the flat surface.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said enclosures on three sides of the flat surface are comprised of additional pegs located substantially on three sides of the flat surface.

4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein at least some of said additional pegs are removable.

5. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said additional pegs are not removable.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a material comprising said apparatus is wood.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a material comprising said apparatus is plastic.

8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a material comprising said apparatus is metal.

5 9. A method for elevating a chair to assist handicapped persons in exiting the chair, the method using a chair raising device comprising a raised portion having a flat upper surface, the flat surface being enclosed on three sides and having holes into which pegs are operably inserted, the method comprising the steps of:

10 (a) operably resting legs of the chair on the flat upper surface of the raised portion inside the enclosed three sides; and

 (b) removing any pegs disallowing the chair's legs to engage the flat upper surface due to their obstruction of any part of the chair.

15 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the peg is removed to accommodate a chair leg.

 11. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the peg is removed to accommodate a chair transverse cross member.

20 12. The method of claim 9 wherein the legs of the chair are placed on the flat upper surface, one at each end of said flat upper surface.